

3 January 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Personnel

SUBJECT: Retirement of [REDACTED] 25X1A

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1. Following our conversation of last evening, I invited [REDACTED] 25X1A [REDACTED] for a conference this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at which time I explained to him my decision that I could not support his request to switch his retirement plan from Civil Service retirement system to the Agency retirement system at this late date. I told [REDACTED] 25X1A that under Agency policy, had he opted two years ago to retire under the Agency system he would have had to retire at that time since he was 60 years old at that time. I explained further that, since he made his choice of the Civil Service retirement system and since it was possible to find use for his services at that time, he was continued on with the understanding he would be retired at the end of 1967 under the Civil Service system. I told him quite frankly that I could not go along with his current request since, when he made his choice of the Civil Service system, I considered that he had decided that it was more beneficial for him to stay on a year or two longer at full salary rather than retire under the slightly more advantageous Agency system. I assured [REDACTED] 25X1A that he was free to appeal this decision to the Director. [REDACTED] commented he did not think the Director would overrule an action of the DD/P in such a matter, and I hastened to correct him on this. [REDACTED] then said 25X1A that, since he did not know when I would be returning from leave he had actually already prepared a letter to the Director with copies to go to me, and to his division chief. I suggested that he could now amend his letter by including the fact that I could not support his request at this time and that this would bring his letter up to date. I also asked him to submit his appeal promptly, suggesting either later this date or in the course of the day tomorrow.

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2. [REDACTED] apologized for having been a bother with respect to his retirement plans, said he was naturally anxious to get the additional \$600 a year which the Agency retirement plan would afford him, and then asked whether there were any possibility that I would extend him for another year under the Civil Service plan. I told [REDACTED] that this was absolutely out of the question. He thanked me again and left.

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3. I do not at all blame [REDACTED] for seeking the most favorable retirement plan possible. I think this is quite right and indeed we have recognized this as the individual's right in dealing with cases that our Career Service Board handle in which an individual has sought to change his expressed option from one retirement plan to the other because he has learned that the second plan would be advantageous. We have been liberal in allowing such switches even though procedures make it clear that once the option is made it may not be changed. But in all the cases we have dealt with, the issue arose well before the individual's retirement date, and there had been no extensions committed or undertaken of his service. In this case, however, [REDACTED] pleads ignorance of the regulations and claims that he was not aware of all the rules or else he would have opted for Agency retirement. I do not believe [REDACTED] is being entirely frank with us in this matter.

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Deputy Director for Plans

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